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## Preface

The Numerical Analysis Conference *Numerical Analysis The State of the Art* NAC2005 (dedicated to Professor F.A. Costabile on his 60th birthday) was held in May 19–21, 2005, at the University of Calabria, Italy, with two major aims: investigating the state of the art in Numerical Analysis and encouraging further studies of young researchers on the treated subjects. The Conference took place at the local Department of Mathematics.

The scientific program included 13 invited 45-min plenary lectures and 39 contributed poster communications. The large number of poster communications, not usual in mathematical conferences in Italy, testifies the success of the conference. There were more than 80 participants at the conference; with this wide participation a high level scientific event was kept. The audience attended all presentations with plenty of interest and great enthusiasm in a friendly atmosphere. We seize this opportunity to thank once again all participants at the Conference.

This volume contains carefully selected papers accepted for publication after a referring process meeting the usual standard of the Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics. We want to express our thanks to all the anonymous referees for their timely and accurate work.

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<sup>1</sup> A special thought for Professor Milvio Capovani, who died on 10th May 2006 after a long suffering consequential to a tragic road crash that happened some days before the conference NAC2005.